



# Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupou, IL  
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 | 618-281-5105 | Fax 281-6848

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

[www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us)

**As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10**

As part of Immaculate Conception's *Full-Stewardship Spirituality*, we will participate in our annual parish "Stewardship of Charity" giving practice from now through Sunday, February 16, 2025.

Each year we designate 2% of our previous year's collections to be given to various charitable organizations that serve the poor and align with Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB.org), especially the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, and regard for Life and Dignity of the Human Person. To help as many organizations as possible, no charity may receive more than 10% of the fund, and groups that are regularly supported by our parish through envelopes or special events are not eligible. *To date, we have given more than \$400,000 to charities selected by our parishioners.*

We encourage all parish families to get involved in parish

gift-giving. *Every household that is a full-stewardship participant in our parish is welcome to nominate an organization* (one per household please). See the timeline at right for instructions, and visit the parish website for a complete list of guidelines (or contact the parish office).

Charities that have participated in the past may be nominated again, and new organizations that meet the criteria may be introduced. We are looking forward to helping as many as possible!

Voting to allocate funds will take place in person after Masses the weekends of February 8 & 9, and 15 & 16, and each household may cast up to 10 votes. This is an excellent opportunity for all ages to get involved in actively giving. Gather your family members and decide where your 10 votes will go.

Help make a difference in the lives of those in need!

**Visit <https://icc-columbia-il.us/stewardship/stewardship-of-charity/> for complete details and the online nomination form.**

# Stewardship of Charity 2025

**We hope every household participates!**

**Here is our 2025 timeline:**

**Sunday, Jan. 12** ..... **Nominations open**

*Submit a charity that serves the poor using the paper form found in the Gathering Space, or visit the parish website and use the online form.*

**Friday, Jan. 24** ..... **Nominations close at 4pm**

*The Stewardship of Charity Committee will check all nominations for eligibility and create this year's final list of nominees. The list will be posted online and a display will go up in the Gathering Space.*

**Saturday, Feb. 1 - Sunday, Feb. 9** ..... **Review and learn**

*Parishioners take time to learn about the good work of the organizations. Talk with family and friends!*

**Saturday, Feb. 8 - Sunday, Feb. 16** ..... **Vote!**

*Voting takes place after all Masses these weekends.*

*Each household may cast 10 votes!*

**Saturday, Mar. 1 - Sunday, Mar. 2** ..... **Results!**

*After the Committee tabulates the votes, the funds will be allocated. Results will be published in this weekend's bulletin.*

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND IN THE TRADITION OF CATHOLICISM AND UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF MARY IMMACULATE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH, WORSHIPPING WITH GENERATIONS OF BELIEVERS AND SERVING GOD IN ALL PEOPLE.

## Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and reside within the parish boundaries, and would like to be members, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105, and our secretary will be happy to help make that happen!

Hola, Bienvenidos – a la iglesia Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!

We livestream! To participate, please use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL>

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-281-5105

## Parish Staff

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## Sacramental Information

**Baptisms:** Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Preparation Seminar scheduled on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 10:00 a.m.) in the lower-level library. We celebrate Baptisms on the first Sunday of the month during any Mass, and the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. (No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.) Please call the office to schedule at 281-5105.

**Weddings:** The parish is happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with adults who are currently registered members of Immaculate Conception Church (bride or groom). If you are one of many who would like to “come home” to celebrate the Sacrament with family and friends, please provide the name of the parish where you are now a member, along with contact information. We ask that you contact the IC Parish Office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage, but in most cases couples will need to allow time for Pre-Cana formation, and we suggest beginning to plan your Sacrament 12 or 18 months prior to Marriage.

**Anointing of the Sick & Funerals:** Since individual needs differ, please contact the Parish Office at 281-5105 for pastoral care. Do not hesitate to call; we are grateful for the opportunity to open our hearts to you and your family and offer these sacramental services.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):** OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship. Wherever you are in your faith practice – baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the beginning, or simply enriching your Catholic practice – consider the OCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. Individuals will meet with our director of faith formation (Lizanne Young) to discuss the process. We meet as a group on Sundays (from Autumn through the Triduum just before Easter), starting with “Breaking Open the Word” dismissal from 9:00 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Contact Lizanne at the Parish Office, 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@iccmil.org.

**Reconciliation:** Reconciliation is offered from 4:00-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment.

## IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFO!

Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present MUST be compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Please be proactive! \*EVERYONE must have an IL state background check, as well as doing the online refresher and filling out CANTS forms. \*Coaches and employees will need to be fingerprinted in addition to the usual Child Protection paperwork. \*The initial course is now available online. Please contact Michelle at the Parish Office for directions. \*The refresher course for 2024-2025 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the Diocesan website at <https://diobelle.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php>. Not sure if you are compliant, or have additional questions? Contact Michelle at the Parish Office at 281-5105. \*Sexual Abuse Hotline: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a Priest or other Diocesan personnel, please call the hotline at 800-640-3044.

*Purchase Scrip Gift Cards from all of your favorite stores,  
restaurants, etc... in the Parish Office!*

## *This Week's Liturgical Celebrations*

Masses – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Hofstetter
Tuesday, January 14	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Joseph & Dorothy (Dottie) Iorio
Wednesday, January 15	9:00 a.m.	We Remember JoAnn Sander
Thursday, January 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Norm Schmidt
Friday, January 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bob Stadler
Saturday, January 18	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John, Catherine, & Jane Mallet
Sunday, January 19	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Loretta Weiler
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Robert Smith
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Anna Lawlor



### *Please Pray For*

Adam Brandt	Amanda Boitano	Curtis Sievers	K. Myers
Shane Martin	Trace Ahrens	Craig Greer	Jane Menner
Jacob Nelson	Molly Blevins	Janet Michael	Maryanne Klosterman
Bob Beckert	Richard Burroughs	Patricia Pulcher	Margie Kolaz
John Kirk	Vivian Sparks	Jim Vogt	Barbara Kendall

*Troops in Service...* SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn, Samuel Campbell, Navy; Captain Benjamin Thoma, United States Air Force; Captain Alex Kawalec, United States Air Force

**Prayer List Guidelines:** Please be mindful if your loved one no longer needs to be on the Prayer List and call the Parish Office at 281-5105.



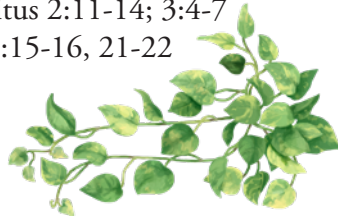
### *Weekly Reflections*

*January 12, 2025*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



### *Our Sympathies...*

To Tim and Tom Ratajczyk and their families on the death of their mother, Mary Lou Ratajczyk, 85, of Columbia

To the family of Sharon Range who passed away at the age of 74.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, You have created us in Your own image, to love, serve and honor You with our lives. You have tasked us with building Your Church, and passing from one generation to the next the treasure trove of our faith. Bless the work of our hands as we undertake our next phase in serving You. Keep us strong in faith, hope, and love, so that all we do may bring glory and honor to You, forever and ever. AMEN.*



## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

### December 29, 2024

Actual	32,144.61
Budget	33,500.00
Actual YTD	1,086,028.29
Budget YTD	1,102,575.00
Over (under)	(16,546.71)
Prior YTD	989,189.42
Over (under)	96,838.87
Guatemala	120.00
Votive	235.00
Gibault	95.00
Capital Improvements	5.00
Christmas Offering	2,110.00
Needy	145.00
Retirement Fund	
for Religious	120.00
Phase 3	1,570.00

### December 31, 2024

Actual	85,727.51
Budget	69,000.00
Actual YTD	1,150,725.80
Budget YTD	1,102,575.00
Over (under)	48,150.80
Prior YTD	1,058,074.98
Over (under)	92,650.82

*\* The above totals include online giving through 12/31/24.*

Guatemala	2,969.00
Capital Improvements	5,062.00
Gibault	346.00
Sr Thea Bowman	1,569.00
Christmas Offering	14,066.00
Eugene Schorb	
Education Endowment	53.00
SVDP	231.00
Human Development	50.00
Flowers	105.00
Needy	420.00
Retirement Fund	
for Religious	35.00
CEAC	1,110.00
Phase 3	33,072.73

### From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$44.50

Time and Talent: I took out the dogs; I made my bed; I organized my jewelry box; I spent time with my cousin; I cleaned my room.

## WHY DONATE APPRECIATED STOCK TO CHARITY?

Giving stock instead of cash as a charitable donation can greatly benefit the donor as well as the recipient. You will find that many charities, churches, schools, and other nonprofit organizations will accept stock as a gift.

### Tax Benefits of Donating Stock to Charity

If the stock has increased in value from the time of purchase, the owner can avoid paying capital gains tax by donating the security to a qualified charitable organization. When an appreciated security held for at least a year is donated to a charitable organization, its fair market value may be itemized as an income tax deduction. The resulting tax savings could be factored in to make a larger donation. For publicly traded shares, the fair market value is the average of the high and low price on the transfer date.

### Considerations:

- Many nonprofits, such as hospitals, schools, and various other organizations, will accept stock as a gift or donation.
- Giving stock often results in a larger donation to the organization, as the gift is tax-deductible and there are no capital gains taxes to pay.
- If your stock has risen in value since purchase, donating it directly is preferable, but if it has lost value, it may be more advantageous to sell it first and then donate the proceeds, so the giver can take the tax loss.
- Most organizations will immediately liquidate the donation, converting the stock to cash.
- Depending on the organization you donate to and your adjusted gross income, a varying amount of your donation may be able to be deducted on your taxes.

Consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council



# Parish Events & News...

## TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is an opportunity for a young person's life. At TEC, you can experience that you are not alone at the in-between time of moving into adult life. In the three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. TEC is open to Juniors and Seniors, and the next TEC will take place at Immaculate Conception on January 18-20, 2025. For more information and to apply to be a TECite or an adult observer, go to <https://bellevilletec.org/>.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE...

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to the Parish Office two Thursdays before you need it in the bulletin. Submissions will need to be sent to [iccmil@iccmil.org](mailto:iccmil@iccmil.org). If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.



## D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be January 18 and 19. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

**PARISH WORK DAYS!** February 8, March 8

## SCRIPTURE DISCUSSIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

How's this for a Plan: Come to Mass on Sunday ready to engage in the Gospel, Old and New Testament Readings and even the homily by spending an hour praying with them in advance, with friends!

- Women's Bible Study meets every week in the Library on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- The Pathfinders Men's Group meets every week in the Knights of Columbus Room on Saturday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Just show up; you're more than welcome!

# Ministry News & Happenings

## ACTS



**Stay Connected with the ACTS Community!**

Embrace the calmness and reconnect with the ACTS family. If you're not receiving emails from [acts@iccmil.org](mailto:acts@iccmil.org), you might be missing out! Update Your Info Now! If you're not on our mailing list, simply send us an email at [acts@iccmil.org](mailto:acts@iccmil.org) with your latest contact information. Let's keep you in the loop and build a stronger, connected ACTS family together!



**SAVE THE DATES!**

Upcoming ICC ACTS Retreats

**MEN'S RETREAT JAN 23 - 26, 2025**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 24 - 27, 2025**

**MEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2025**

**ACTS**



### *Pope Francis Prays...*

“When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all His creatures and to worship him in union with them.” (Laudato Si 87)

**What can I do?** Does being “in nature” make you feel closer to God? Take a walk without earbuds. Observe and listen.

## THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

*Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-in Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

## COMFORT WITH A PRAYER SHAWL

If you, or someone you know, needs comfort and prayers, consider bringing them a Prayer Shawl, handmade by Immaculate Conception parishioners. Each crocheted or knitted shawl is unique, and prayers are said throughout the process of the creation. The goal is to provide comfort to the recipient, knowing that they are wrapped in the prayers of the parish. The Prayer Shawl can be delivered to you, or you may stop in the Parish Office during business hours and pick up what you need. Prayer Shawls are available for children as well. Call Helen Csik at 314-651-5033 or the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

## ICY ODD SUNDAYS

Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details.



## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

### "Happy New Year" with Families Who Are Grieving

It’s not easy to find hope or joy in the middle of grief. And oftentimes, well-meaning friends and loved ones wouldn’t know what to say or do to ease the pain one is experiencing. That’s why in these moments, it can be helpful to turn to words from others who have also experienced grief during the holidays. Here are a few comforting words to share when you feel you don’t know what to say:

“You shared an unspeakable love, and it’s okay if you don’t have words for those you still have in your life. Your voice will come back when you need it.”

“Remembering our loved ones who are no longer here brings both joy and pain. The only cure to grief is holding onto the memories that make us smile and find peace in knowing we were loved deeply.”

“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.”

– Washington Irving

“The pain of grief is the price we pay for love.”

– Queen Elizabeth II

“Grief changes shape over time, but it never ends.”

– Keanu Reeves

“The journey of grief is not a linear path. There will be ups and downs, good days and bad days. Don’t feel guilty for having moments of joy or happiness.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

*For more information, see website:*

*Home Faith Family, 45 Quotes to Help Conquer Grief by Micah Klug, a Hospice Chaplain*

Happy New Year from the Bereavement Ministry. May your year be filled with comfort and hope!

## QUILTERS’ CORNER

Join our super-fun quilters’ group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.

## PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

- ~ Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo and Red Bud). 618-939-4224, mylifenet.org
- ~ Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) birthrightstl.org
- ~ Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by Abortion; Project Rachel, 618-722-5068 hopeafterabortion.com
- ~ A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness; Fontebella Maternity Home, 618-406-4355.

If you, or someone you know, has an unborn baby diagnosed with “fetal abnormalities” or an “adverse prenatal diagnosis,” please refer to: BeNotAfraid.net or PrenatalPartnersforLife.org. Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis.

Birthrightstl.org offers their Melissa’s Smile program, a counseling and supportive resource for mothers and fathers whose baby has been diagnosed prenatally with a genetic abnormality or whose baby has been born with a disability or serious medical condition.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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Upcoming Parents and Friends Meetings: **January 13, February 10**

ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS PRESENTS:

# DERBY & DINNER

HORSES, HATS & HIGH BIDS

**ICS DINNER AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY, FEB 22, 2025**  
**6:00 IN THE EVENING**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**409 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA, IL**

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  



*Boy Scout Troop 320*

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR A CAUSE

A Fundraising Effort to Help Feed the Less Fortunate

**FEBRUARY 1, 2025**  
**4 - 7 PM**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
**LOWER LEVEL,**  
**411 PALMER RD, COLUMBIA, IL**

\$10 per person  
kids (under age 5) eat free!

Carry Outs Available  
(Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, breadstick, and dessert)

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

## GOLF BALL DROP



Proceeds benefit ICS 7th Grade Trip to Space Camp

### FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2025

**Tickets -\$10 Donation**

- Purchase tickets from any participating ICS 7th grade student or from the church office
- Ticket sales end at 8:00 am on Jan. 17th
- Golf Balls will be dropped at ICS near the main entrance at 9:00 am
- All golf balls that land in the hole will split the prize money. If no golf balls land in the hole, the prize will be awarded to the closest to the pin.  
Need Not Be Present to Win

## What's Happening at Gibault?

### GCHS Informational Night w/ ICS

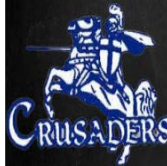
for 6-8 graders  
& their families

January 15, 2025

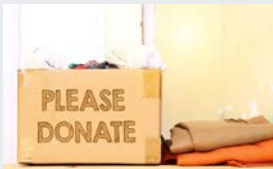
6:30 - 8:30 PM

@ ICS Garden Level

Hosted generously by the Wachtel family



## Diocesan and Area Interests...



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS COATS!

Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested. Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.

### Seeds of Healing through Faith, Hope, and Love

Please join us for our 2nd annual Seeds of Healing retreat on Saturday, **January 18, 2025**, from 9 am – 7 pm, at Marianist Retreat Center. This event is designed to bring God's healing touch to anyone who has lost a loved one to any tragic death, including suicide. This day of reflection is designed to help in the journey through grief emotions and come out renewed with confidence in God's love and care for each one of us.

There will be time for healing prayer, discussions, sharing, learning techniques for healthy outlet of emotions, and testimony from those who have healed from the same pain you may be feeling. For more information, don't hesitate to reach out to Barb @ 314.910.3942 or Mary @ 314.210.5098 or Shelby @ 636.288.9841

<https://marianistretreat.com/events/seeds-of-healing-retreat-2025>





## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL


Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States, including in our own Belleville Diocese. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE


The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.” Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide. Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for additional information and resources.

**2025 ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL & MASS**

March 8, 2025  
Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, IL  
Bishop Michael G. McGovern, Celebrant



Pueri Cantores, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church, invites all parish & school treble and mixed voice choirs (grades 4-12) in the region to participate in a Festival & Mass. Singers will unite with hundreds of their peers as one combined choir to sing beautiful music from the Church’s rich historical repertoire. More information will be available soon at [www.pcco.org](http://www.pcco.org).



**Holy Hour  
Happy Hour**

Third Thursdays 6 p.m.  
January 16, February 20, March 20

Adoration Followed by Fellowship and a Few Beers  
Cathedral of St. Peter  
200 W. Harrison St.  
Belleville, IL  
Ages 21-35

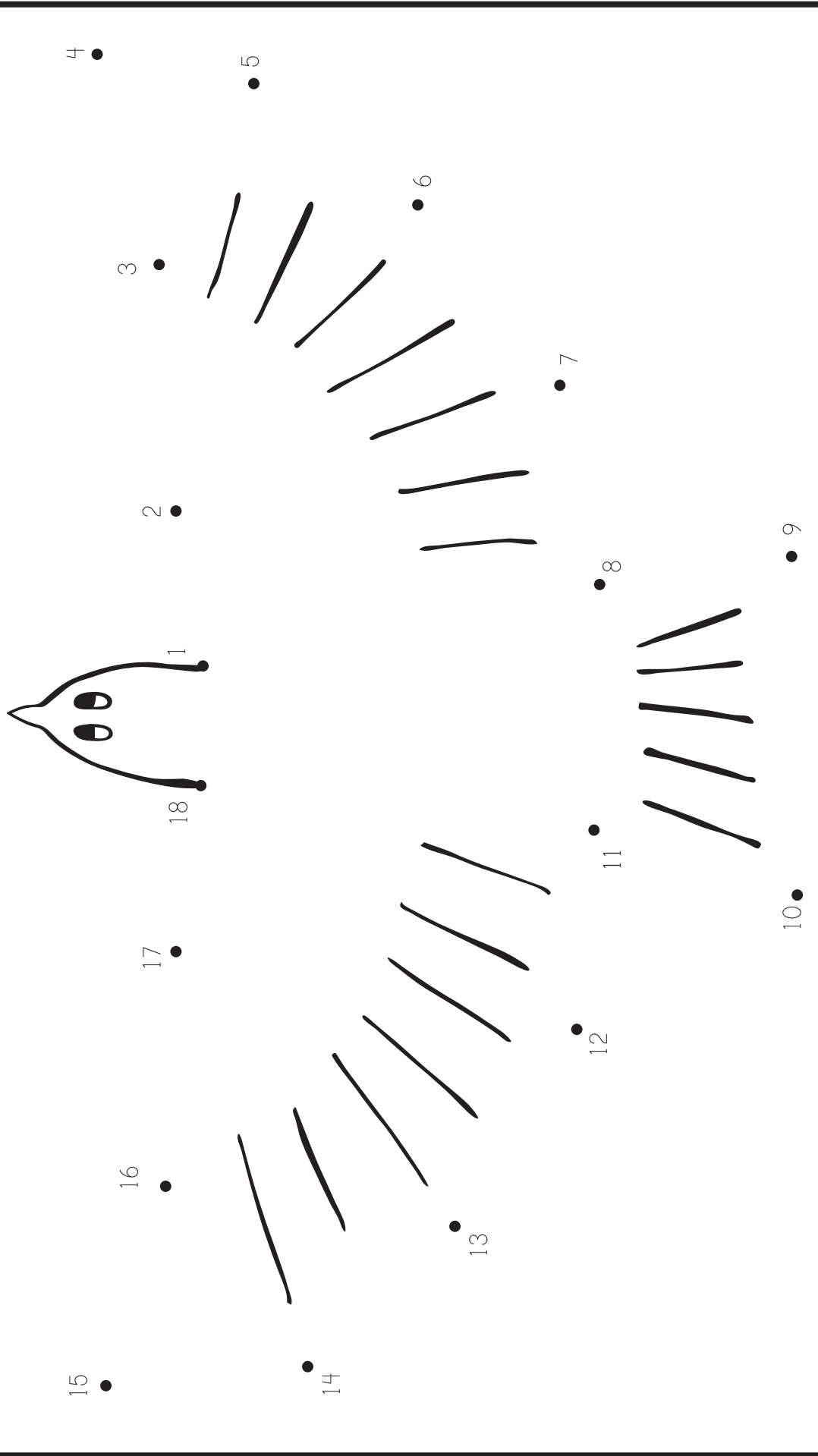
Diocese Of Belleville  
Young Adult  
Community

*“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
“A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

*“Virgen de Guadalupe, patrona de los niños en el vientre materno, te imploramos tu intercesión por cada niño en peligro de ser abortado. ... Guía a nuestros funcionarios públicos a defender cada vida humana mediante leyes justas. Inspirámonos a todos a traer nuestra fe a la vida pública, para hablar por aquellos que no tienen voz. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, quién es Amor y Piedad. Amén.”*

USCCB Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida, “Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe”



# Gospel

Jesus was baptized by His cousin, John the Baptist. When He was baptized, God appeared as the Holy Spirit and said that Jesus is His Son.



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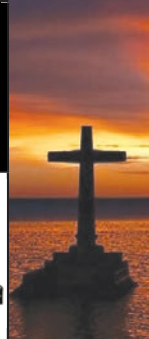
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